I am glad to hear that there are tokens for good among your people. May the Lord give you hundreds of souls as your crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Yrs affectionately – A. S. Hopkins

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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
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A. T. Hopkins
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Nancy 19

Are you never coming to P.? If so when? So come this way. Next week & week after I shall be absent [illegible]

not open & fair — as I view it. I do not feel like paying much attention to such indefinite & round-about inquiries. If a man wishes me to assist him in any thing — let him tell me at once where, when, & under what regulations — & I will tell him at once whether I am equal to the task & am willing to try my strength upon ~~the job~~. You will not consider as paying or implying any censure against you. I dislike only the mode your friend has seen fit to adopt in order to ascertain my circumstances & views. It appears to me like trifling with the solemn relation of pastor & people.

leaving Pawtucket for another sit=
=uation until I know what that
situation is. It is quite too much
like asking an accused person to plead
guilty or not guilty before he was informed
of the crime laid to his charge. And
That the answer to
your general enquiry would do no
good. For even if I should reply that
I would leave it – "Should circumstances
warrant it" – it would still remain to
be decided what circumstances would
warrant it.

I frankly confess to you my
dear Brother that I do not like the
course "somebody" has taken. It is

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Jan 17th. [1831]

Dear Brother

In reply to yours of the 13th — rec'd yesterday allow me to say —

That "somebody" is a title which I have never before seen — especially in any system of ecclesiastical nomenclature. I never before have heard any one speak of the "somebody" church — or the "somebody" congregation. And as I do ignorant about "somebody", if I were to answer his enquiries through you, I should only reply to nobody.

That I do not feel at liberty to make any statements which shall encourage or discourage the idea of my